

Sgt. Stone is being honored at Rabbi Weiss's Hebrew Institute of Riverdale and I want to join everyone there in congratulating him and thanking him for his heroic deed.

Jews have a saying that to save a life is to save the world. Sgt. John Stone has indeed saved a very large part of our world here in Riverdale. Sgt. Stone, from his service in Iraq treating our wounded to his saving Mrs. Weiss at Yankee Stadium, represents the true character of America. I am proud to join in thanking him for his heroic actions.

RECOGNIZING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS DAY

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Ms. BALDWIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Children's Mental Health Awareness Day, which occurs each year during National Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.

In 2004, the National Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health began designating the first full week of May as Children's Mental Health Awareness Week to promote the positive development of our youth. Additionally, since 2006, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Mental Health Services has declared one day during the week National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day.

On this special day, a distinguished coalition is gathering in Wisconsin. Groups like Wisconsin Family Ties, the Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health, Wisconsin United for Mental Health, the Supporting Families Together Association, and Wisconsin Public Broadcasting are joining with affected youth, their families, and others in our community. They stand together at the Madison Children's Museum to focus our attention on this important public health issue.

In Wisconsin the statistics paint a startling picture. One out of every five children who appear healthy is, in fact, suffering from mental health problems. Children with mental illness and disabilities have a far greater likelihood of being suspended or expelled from school, abusing drugs or alcohol, or ending up in the juvenile justice system. In 2008, only 11 percent of Wisconsin children living with serious mental health disorders received any public mental health services, less than one third the rate for adults.

However, not all hope is lost. At the federal level, the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act includes numerous provisions that will help diagnose, treat, and support children with mental illness and their families. For example, the law immediately eliminates pre-existing condition clauses for children. This will help ensure that more families can afford to seek treatment for their child and may do so without fear of losing their coverage.

We must continue to pursue a course of action that works to not only identify and diagnose mental illness as early as possible, but also provide comprehensive treatment to those affected. The better we are able to serve the needs of our youth who suffer from mental illness, the sooner we can reduce long term costs associated with dropout rates, sub-

stance abuse, homelessness, and the justice system. We know that children with mental illness can live full and productive lives as long as we provide them with the support they need.

In the 1800s, the color green was used to identify people who were labeled "insane." Since then, the color has taken on a very different meaning, one that now signifies new life, new growth, and new beginnings. Today, I join with children, families, and supporters both in south central Wisconsin and across the nation in wearing the color green to show our support. Above all, I salute all those who are working to raise awareness of this crucial issue and hope today serves as a reminder that each one of us can and must do better to address children's mental health issues.

IN HONOR OF LIEUTENANT NICK DIMARCO

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Lieutenant Nick DiMarco of the Garfield Heights Police Department and his well-deserved retirement. As a long-serving officer of the law, and the founder of the acclaimed Shop with a Cop Program, Lt. DiMarco has served the people of the greater Cleveland area with honor and professionalism.

Lt. Nick DiMarco was appointed to the Garfield Heights Police Department in 1966. On February 1st, 1986, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, and on January 11th, 1990, he rose to the rank of Lieutenant. After 45 years of service, Lt. DiMarco retired from a long career of serving the public on February 16th, 2011.

Besides serving valiantly as an officer of the law for so many years, Lt. DiMarco also established the Shop with a Cop Program in 1995. The program, which occurs annually during the holiday season, raises money to purchase gifts for underprivileged children. On the day of the event, children are escorted to a major retail store via a police-accompanied motorcade and allocated \$120 to shop. Each child is accompanied by a police officer from the various participating departments. The program, now in its 15th year, has helped over 1,000 children in the greater Cleveland area, and involves officers from 17 police departments who volunteer their time to share the holiday spirit with those less fortunate. This past year, the program raised \$38,900; 391 children participated.

In addition to his dedicated career with the Garfield Heights Police Department, Lt. Nick DiMarco served as the President of the Fraternal Order of the Police of Ohio from 1990 to 2011, where he fought to protect the rights and privileges of law enforcement officers in Ohio.

Mr. Speaker and colleagues, please join me in honoring Lt. Nick DiMarco's long career of public service and civic virtue.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LEONARD L. BOSWELL

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. BOSWELL. Mr. Speaker, I regret my absence in the House yesterday, May 2, 2011, as I was in my district attending to personal business. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes" on rollcall vote 278.

HONORING BILL KNOWLES

HON. CHARLES J. "CHUCK" FLEISCHMANN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. FLEISCHMANN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an outstanding individual whose commitment and dedication has done so much to provide exceptional government services to the residents of Hamilton County, Tennessee. Those of us who live and work in Hamilton County can be thankful for the tireless efforts of Mr. Bill Knowles in his 36 years of service as Hamilton County Clerk.

First elected in 1974, County Clerk Bill Knowles has made it his priority to not just provide excellent services to his constituents, but to also manage an office that provides innovative ideas and consistently exceeds expectations. Shortly after being elected to his position, Bill Knowles solved the problem of long waits for vehicle registration tags by making it possible to renew tags by mail. Mr. Knowles's initiative was soon followed by the Tennessee legislature, which passed a law requiring tags to be mailed in throughout the state.

The exceptional work ethic and innovative ideas that are the hallmark of Bill Knowles have resulted in many firsts for Hamilton County. Hamilton County was the first county in Tennessee to allow for tag renewal by Internet. It was the first to have on-the-spot vehicle title printing. The county led the way with electronic record keeping and continued this development by computerizing marriage records in 2009.

In recognition of a litany of impressive accomplishments over a 36 year career, I hereby salute Clerk Bill Knowles and thank him for his service to the people of Hamilton County. I, for one, am grateful for his service, and I know that the fine residents of Hamilton County join me in honoring him.

IN HONOR OF LESLIE L. MEGYERI

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, May 3, 2011

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Leslie L. Megyeri, who is being honored by the American Hungarian Foundation. Leslie will be the recipient of the Abraham Lincoln award for his courageous actions during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution.

During Mr. Megyeri's adolescence he read the great Hungarian poet Petöfi, whose words